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In re Application of :  
Liang and Burkhalter :  
Application No. 09/919,374 : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS  
Filed: 31 July, 2001 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)  
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This is in response to the renewed petition filed under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on 11 June, 2002 (certificate of mailing date 28 May, 2002).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Junzhong Liang, has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been mailed a copy of the application papers. Specifically, petitioners have shown that a copy of the application was sent to the non-signing inventor, but the inventor failed to return a signed declaration naming him as a joint inventor along with James Burkhalter.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 703-308-6918.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Wood", is positioned above the printed name.

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